

HOUSE BILL No. 1920

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-1-1.2-13; IC 20-10.1-16-7.

Synopsis: Sanctions for ISTEP cheating. Allows the state board of education to withdraw the accreditation of a school that fails to comply with a legal standard relating to accreditation. Provides that a school is responsible for any costs associated with rescoring or invalidating ISTEP scores due to the actions of a school employee.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 20-1-1.2-13 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 13. (a) Upon receipt of
3 a review panel's recommendation, the board shall make one (1) of the
4 following determinations as to the accreditation status of the school:

5 (1) Full accreditation status with the next review being conducted
6 five (5) years after the board's determination of full accreditation.

7 (2) Full accreditation status with the next review being conducted
8 earlier than five (5) years after the board's determination of full
9 accreditation.

10 (3) Probationary accreditation with the next review being
11 conducted one (1) year after the board's determination of
12 probationary accreditation.

13 (b) A school that does not comply with all of the legal standards
14 may not be determined to have acquired full accreditation status.

15 (c) **The board may withdraw the accreditation status of a school**
16 **for failure to comply with a legal standard. A school whose**
17 **accreditation status is withdrawn may appeal the withdrawal to**



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the board.

SECTION 2. IC 20-10.1-16-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.146-1999, SECTION 9, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 7. (a) The scoring of student responses under an ISTEP test:

- (1) must measure student achievement relative to the academic standards established by the Indiana state board of education;
- (2) must adhere to scoring rubrics and anchor papers; and
- (3) may not reflect the scorer's judgment of the values expressed by a student in the student's responses.

(b) This subsection applies to reports of scores in mathematics and English language arts. Reports must:

- (1) provide scores indicating student performance relative to each of the academic standards:
 - (A) established by the Indiana state board of education; and
 - (B) assessed by the test;
- (2) be related to passing scores established by the board; and
- (3) contain the information listed in subdivisions (1) and (2) for the following levels:

- (A) Individual student.
- (B) Classroom.
- (C) School.
- (D) School corporation.
- (E) The state of Indiana.

(c) Reports of student scores must be:

- (1) returned to the school corporation that administered the test; and
- (2) accompanied by a guide for interpreting scores.

(d) After reports of student scores are returned to a school corporation, the school corporation shall promptly do the following:

- (1) Give each student and the student's parent or guardian the student's ISTEP scores.
- (2) Make available for inspection to each student and the student's parent or guardian the following:
 - (A) A copy of the essay questions and prompts used in assessing the student.
 - (B) A copy of the student's scored essays.
 - (C) A copy of the anchor papers and scoring rubrics used to score the student's essays.

A student's parent or guardian may request a rescoring of a student's responses to a test, including a student's essay. No individual's ISTEP scores may be disclosed to the public.



1 (e) After a school receives score reports, the school shall schedule
2 a parent/teacher conference with the following:

3 (1) A parent who requests a parent/teacher conference on the
4 scores of the parent's child.

5 (2) The parent of each student who does not receive a passing
6 score on the test. The conference must include a discussion of:

7 (A) the student's test scores, including subscores on academic
8 standards; and

9 (B) the proposed remediation plan for the student.

10 (f) The aggregate results of the ISTEP tests shall be compiled by
11 each school corporation in a manner that will permit evaluation of
12 learning progress within the school corporation. The school corporation
13 shall make the compilation of test results available for public
14 inspection and shall provide that compilation to the parent or guardian
15 of each student tested under the ISTEP program.

16 (g) The department shall develop a format for the publication by
17 school corporations in an annual performance report required by statute
18 of appropriate academic information required by the department,
19 including ISTEP scores, in a manner that a reasonable person can
20 easily read and understand.

21 (h) The school corporation shall provide the ISTEP program test
22 results on a school by school basis to the department upon request.

23 (i) Upon request by the commission for higher education, the
24 department shall provide ISTEP program test results to the commission
25 for those students for whom the commission under 20 U.S.C. 1232(g)
26 has obtained consent.

27 **(j) A school is responsible for any costs associated with the**
28 **rescoring or invalidating of ISTEP scores that is necessary due to**
29 **actions taken by employees of the school.**

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